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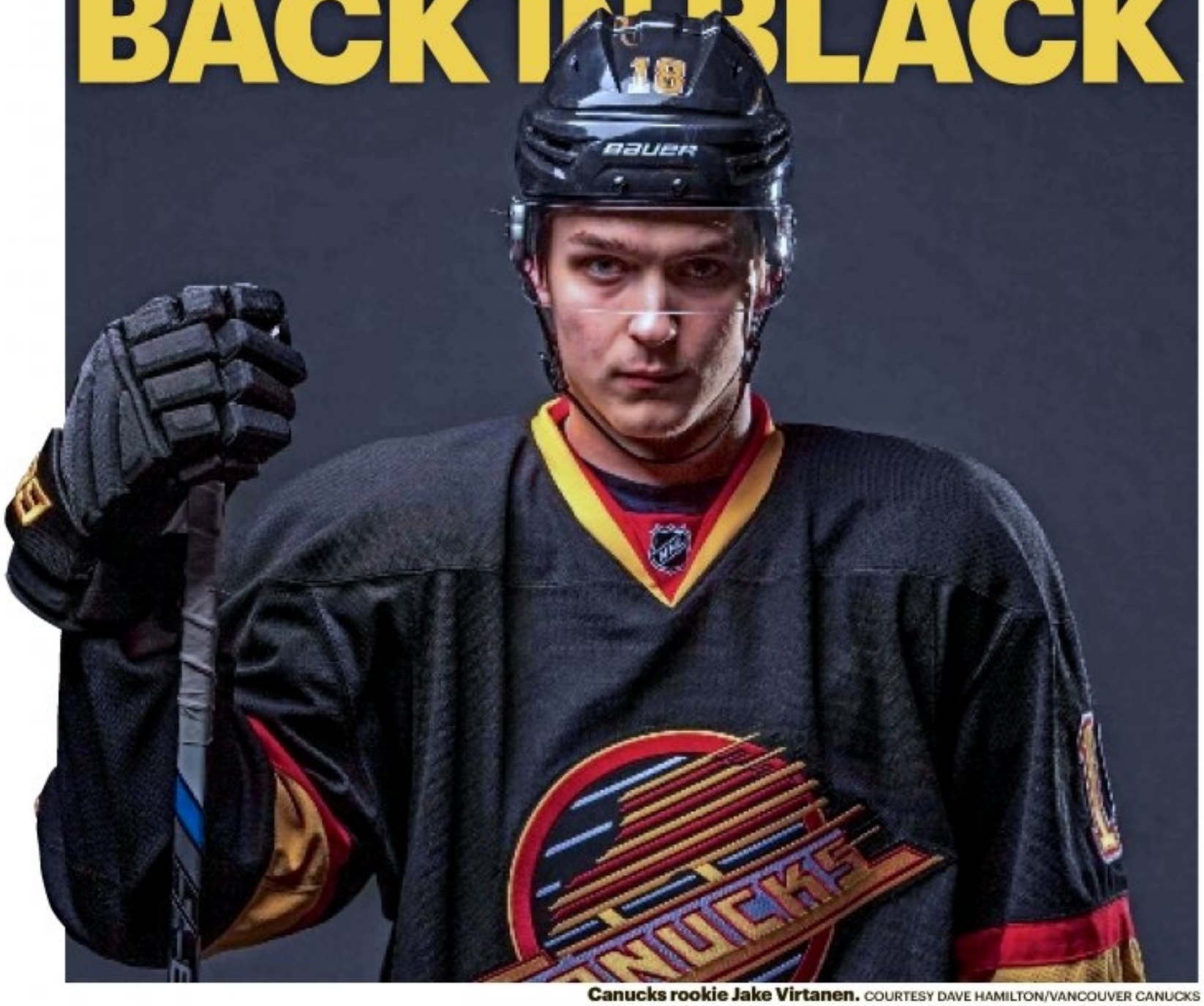

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Bring on Uber, say 38% of us

POLL

Province shows second-highest support for cab competitor

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

38 per cent of British Columbians think Uber should be allowed to operate in their city, according to a new poll.

Angus Reid Institute released findings of their latest Canadian public opinion poll Friday, which gauges support for the hotly debated ride sharing app and service across the country.

British Columbia has the second-highest support for Uber in Canada (Alberta tops the list with 50 per cent of people there thinking Uber should be allowed to operate), while just nine per cent believe Uber should "definitely not" be allowed to operate in their hometowns.

Nationwide, 33 per cent of poll respondents believe Uber should be allowed to operate, compared to 17 per cent opposed.

Sixty-three per cent of Canadians believe Uber should be regulated in the same way as the taxi industry.

The debate around Uber in Vancouver has been fierce, as it has in most major Canadian cities.

City staff reported that ride sharing is a "leap forward" when it comes to shorter wait times and consumer satisfaction, but warned of passenger safety issues, impacts on local taxis and accessibility concerns.

Council pushed for a regional solution to ride sharing and urged the province to take the lead on the Uber file.

"We want to make sure decisions with Uber and the taxi industry are thoughtful for years ahead," Mayor Gregor Robertson told Metro last year.

The province has been looking into Uber and other so-called sharing economy services — with Premier Christy Clark saying in January, "You can't stop technology" — but it has yet to take any steps to permit or regulate Uber.

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FEDERAL APPEAL

End pot possession arrests: Petitioners

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A British Columbia marijuana advocate expressed hopes an official petition to Parliament can get the Liberal government to end arrests for marijuana possession.

The e-petition was posted to the Parliament of Canada website on Thursday and had nearly 2,000 signatures by Metro deadline.

Among the demands, the petition calls for the government of Canada to immediately "repeal the prohibition on possession," end police raids on medical cannabis dispensaries and asks for marijuana to be removed from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act within a year.

Dana Larsen, director of Sensible BC, says although Prime Minister Justin Trudeau campaigned on a promise of legalization, the status quo remains.

"As far as I can see, arrests are continuing," said Larsen. "I don't think there is any reason to pause (on legalization). An arrest can be extremely destructive to a person's life. Even if you're not charged it's possible to be turned away at a border."

Larsen hopes the petition, open until June 9, can garner 100,000 signatures to send a strong message to Ottawa.

The petition was an initiative by Victoria advocate Sam Vekemans and sponsored by Green Party leader Elizabeth May (official petitions to the Government of Canada require sponsorship from a member of parliament, and does not necessarily indicate support).

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> Dana Larsen, Sensible BC

TRAFFIC

Text note convicts distracted driver

Victoria police say a cellphone text message held the confession of a driver who rear-ended a police car.

Const. Matt Rutherford says the collision occurred Saturday night at a busy intersection northeast of the city's downtown.

He says police recovered the phone of the suspect driver, and on it was a text message that said, "I just got into an accident, OMG. I was trying to txt u. Ran into a cop car. OMGGG."

Rutherford says the officer and police dog were uninjured, but the female driver and a child were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect's car suffered damage to its front end, and the driver was issued a $167 ticket for using an electronic device while driving.

Rutherford says the accident should remind motorists to leave their phones alone while driving, a message police will continue to hammer home in and around Victoria.

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IN BRIEF

Driving bans handed out for racing in Richmond

RCMP say two men caught street racing in Richmond were handed tickets and 15-day driving bans. Their vehicles were impounded for a week. Police say a BMW M3 and a Subaru Impreza WRX were pulled over earlier this week after they were spotted racing near the Highway 99 off-ramp. The BMW driver was a 31-year-old man, while the Subaru driver was 20 and had a Class 7 novice driver's licence. Police say there's zero tolerance for street racing in Richmond, where an RCMP officer was struck and killed by a street racer in 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier Christy Clark takes pictures as Michael Bublé looks on. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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B.C. MUSIC FUND

Bublé high on $15M boost to Canada's music industry

Michael Bublé says British Columbia has the potential to become the "Nashville of Canada," and lauded a new $15-million government grant that he says will help foster a thriving local music industry.

The Metro Vancouver-born crooner joined Premier Christy Clark on Thursday to announce the B.C. Music Fund, which aims to help emerging and well-known artists with production, distribution and promotion.

"Truly, it's never been tougher to develop a career as an artist," Bublé said. "Thanks to you, premier, people who want to pursue a music career here will be able to do so and not have to leave home, which is pretty incredible."

The announcement was part of the launch of a new Music Canada report, B.C.'s Music Sector: From Adversity to Opportunity, which argues the province is filled with talent but its music industry is in serious decline.

The report makes 26 recommendations, including appointing a municipal music officer to serve as a liaison with industry and advocate for music tourism, land use planning that takes into account the need for new music venues and removing liquor-licensing red tape.

> **Truly, it's never been tougher to develop a career as an artist.**
> Michael Bublé

Bublé said Nashville, Tenn., brings in billions in music revenue and the onus is partly on established artists such as himself to promote British Columbia.

"To be honest with you, they don't know yet. They haven't met us yet," he joked, referencing one of his hits and drawing laughs and groans from the crowd.

The event was attended by B.C.-based music stars including Nickelback lead singer Chad Kroeger, well-known talent manager Bruce Allen and rocker Matthew Good.

Clark recalled her own fond musical memories, including going to see punk rockers D.O.A. at her first concert and watching Bublé sing at a mosque when he was 16.

She said the $15-million grant from the province will support the creation of the fund, which will be managed by Creative B.C. and include money for music education, live venues and touring.

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VANCOUVER ISLAND

Look, up in the sky! It's a UFO! It's a ... kite

How's this for a coverup?

Nanaimo RCMP say the unidentified flying object seen by many in the sky early Thursday morning was in fact a kite.

The Vancouver Island police detachment received numerous calls at 1:30 a.m. about unexplained, strange lights in the sky over Dover Road.

"Quite a few calls were received from concerned members of the public about some lights floating in the sky over northern Nanaimo," said Cpl. Jon Stuart in a statement. "People were seen videotaping and photographing this unearthly phenomenon. Was this an X-Files case?"

No, if police are to be believed.

Stuart says responding officers tracked the source to a man in the parking lot of Nanaimo North mall, who had been flying a box kite with LED lights attached to the tail.

Officers say he was flying the kite at an extreme height, as much as 10,000 feet up, when the line broke and the kite blew away into the night sky.

"The man has been spoken to about the dangers associated with flying an object high enough to possibly pose a danger to flight traffic," said Stuart.

No charges are being considered.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Vancouver hot for proposals

ROMANCE

If you have love on your mind, let the city inspire you

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Looking to pop the question this Valentine's Day? You'll be in good company in Vancouver, according to a list of the top 20 places to propose in the world.

The city has ranked No. 11, based on Instagram data, which found that 3.65 per cent of 250,000 proposal photos posted on the popular photo-sharing app happen in Vancouver.

The list describes the city's appeal for romantics, saying that "with its idyllic setting and laid-back yet vibrant culture, Vancouver has the best of both worlds."

"It's an urban environment surrounded by natural beauty and has to be one of the only places in the world where you can go skiing in the morning and hit the beach in the afternoon."

Vancouver has ranked as one of the top places in the world to pop the question, according to a list based on Instagram data. This proposal captured by wedding photographers Emily White and Lachlan McAdam was included in the list. INSTAGRAM: @LACHLAN_AND_EMILY

The global list of 20 cities was compiled by U.K. ethical jeweller Ingle & Rhode.

The company combined data from four Instagram hashtags (#isaidyes, #proposal, #proposed and #heproposed) and cross-referenced the more than 250,000 photos with their geographical co-ordinates to find the most popular locations for people to get engaged.

Vancouver wasn't the only Canadian city to make the list.

Toronto came in at No. 6 for its "starry rooftop patio bars" and salsa lounges that give the city a "lively and romantic feel."

New York topped the list, followed by Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami and Chicago in the top five.

London took the No. 7 spot, followed by San Diego, Orlando and Sydney.

Perhaps surprisingly, Paris, arguably the most romantic city in the world, ranked No. 16 on the list.

For romantics who don't find major urban cities to be ideal proposal spots, Google Maps also put together a map of some of the most romantic locations in the country for date nights.

Whistler Blackcomb's 7th Heaven run made that list, described as a "magical mountain peak in the clouds" where couples can take their love to new heights.

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Vancouver's rank on a jeweller's list of top places to propose, based on Instagram data.

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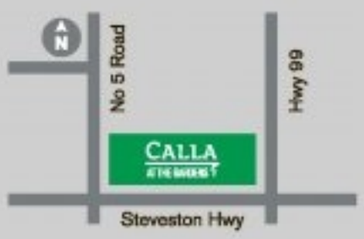

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Officers investigate following the police shooting of a man outside Starlight Casino in New Westminster on Nov. 8, 2012. SHANE MACKICHAN/FOR METRO

Inquest sees stark video of shooting

POLICE

Officer says he shot when man raised his gun

Disturbing footage showing the final moments of Mehrdad Bayrami's life played out before a packed inquest chamber on Thursday as his daughter's muffled sobs were the only sounds heard from the crowd.

A coroner's inquest is looking into the fatal police shooting of Bayrami, 48, who was killed following a five-hour armed standoff with police outside a Lower Mainland casino in November 2012.

The role of a coroner's inquest is not to assign blame for an incident but rather to make recommendations aimed at preventing similar events from occurring.

The jurors and a crowded public gallery watched the stark eight-minute video of the conclusion of what began as a police hostage-rescue operation and ended as a standoff after casino employees saw live security footage of a man threatening a woman with a handgun.

An agitated Bayrami, wearing a reflective vest, lifts a pistol in his right hand in the air and steps sporadically from side to side. Police wearing helmets and body suits can be seen in the background behind in armoured vehicle.

Moments after he begins backing up, Bayrami is shot. He doubles over and falls to the ground, clutching his stomach.

He writhes for several minutes before a police dog grabs his leg to pull him away from his gun. Officers close in and begin delivering first aid.

Delta police Const. Jordan MacWilliams, who fired the shot that killed Bayrami, told the inquest he had been assigned the role of "lethal overwatch" for much of the event. During that time he was 100 per cent focused on Bayrami's face and gun, he said.

After hours of sitting on the ground, Bayrami suddenly rose to his feet and began pacing in widening circles, MacWilliams testified.

"I saw him pointing the gun at us. I fired. The gun went down and he dropped to the ground." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The inquest is scheduled to hear from more officers, medical professionals and Bayrami's family before the jury begins deliberations on Tuesday.

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No need to fear the shadows

Just days after the province's housing industry was jolted by allegations of shady manoeuvres, one of the city's leading real-estate lawyers insists that the practice of "shadow flipping" is not responsible for Vancouver's pricier-than-ever property market

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A Vancouver real-estate lawyer says concerns over so-called shadow flipping driving up the cost of housing in Vancouver are overblown.

Timothy Lack, a lawyer with Lunny Atmore, said he doesn't believe the controversial practice is responsible for Vancouver's high housing prices. Rather, he believes a combination of high demand and short supply in the city's already red-hot real-estate market is to blame.

"There are some cash-rich people in this city, or who are coming to this city, who are willing to pay great prices for our real estate," Lack told Metro. "This little flip thing is not driving up (the cost of real estate). The fact that there's someone willing to pay so much money for our real estate is what's driving it up."

His comments come a week after British Columbia's housing industry was jolted by allegations uncovered in a Globe and Mail investigation that some Metro Vancouver real-estate agents are allegedly taking part in shadow flipping. The practice involves brokers reselling a property multiple times before a deal closes. As a result, the final price rises by hundreds of thousands and the agent profits by collecting commission on each sale.

Timothy Lack argues that allegations of shadow flipping have been wildly exaggerated this week. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Only the final buyer pays the property transfer tax, meaning B.C. is potentially losing out on millions in tax revenue.

Following the allegations, the Real Estate Council of B.C. said it is appointing an independent advisory group to probe the allegations. Premier Christy Clark also said she expects the real-estate industry to act on the allegations.

"We're giving them the chance to fix it. If they don't, we're going to fix it for them," Clark told reporters Tuesday in Victoria. "I don't have a lot of patience on this issue."

But Lack said he thinks the controversy is exaggerated and that people shouldn't be so quick to portray shadow flipping as the "villain" in Vancouver's pricey housing market.

> People break rules all the time.... It's hard to protect yourself.
> Timothy Lack

Lack said it's not new or surprising that people are profiting from assigning clauses.

He said he has had clients as recently as two weeks ago who believed they might have been victims of the practice.

"I don't know why people are so upset," he said. "If you're selling your house for a price that you're happy to get, and then someone turns around and flips it, then they found a buyer that your realtor should have found."

Since most contracts are "silent" on the issue of assignment clauses, he said, the practice of assigning is entirely legal.

A sold home in Vancouver on Thursday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lack said it's up to sellers to guard themselves against an "unscrupulous realtor" who might use the practice to jack up the price of a home.

"If a contract doesn't address the issue of assignment, then it's assignable," he said. "But if a realtor is complicit or somehow breaking the rules in the flip, they should be taken to task by the seller."

He urged sellers to do their homework and select a realtor that is experienced, trustworthy and familiar with their neighbourhood before putting their house on the market.

"People break rules all the time in professions, and it's hard to protect yourself against that," he said. "Your best way of not being a person who watches their property being flipped is to already be the person who has sold it at the best possible price."

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Gluten-free frozen focaccia bread by Pikanik Creations. ERIN IRELAND/METRO

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Vancouver Cohousing in the last stages of construction, with the 6,500-square-foot common house in the background. LORNE MALLIN/FOR METRO

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VANCOUVER TRENDING **CO-HOUSING**

Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

A quiet revolution is brewing in the Lower Mainland: co-housing.

Born in 1960s Denmark as a way to inspire collective goals, increase safety and support and reduce environmental impact, the co-housing movement is now taking root in B.C. with almost a dozen developments being built and several others in the planning stages.

Lorne Mallin, a 69-year-old journalist, blogger and co-housing advocate, said many Vancouverites seeking an alternative to traditional housing are choosing co-housing.

He said the intentional communities, which are designed and run by their residents, appeal to people who are open to alternatives to the mainstream and want to live in a close-knit neighbourhood with a healthy balance of privacy and community.

"They are seeking community for growing their families, for solutions to isolation in the city as singles and for aging among loving friends," he told Metro.

Mallin will soon move into Vancouver Cohousing, the city's first such community. Residents are hoping to move into the nearly finished development, which is located on East 33rd Avenue between Knight and Victoria, by the end of this month.

Residents gather around a long-table community dinner at Groundswell. DEVORAH WHITE/FOR METRO

The complex includes 31 private homes with shared courtyards and gardens. At the heart of the community is a 6,500-square-foot common house with a kitchen and dining room for shared meals, office areas, guest rooms, a yoga studio and a rooftop garden.

The community also features solar panels, edible landscaping and electric-car outlets.

Mallin said there will be a "high level of member participation," meaning residents will serve on committees, attend meetings and help look out for neighbourhood children as a group.

Bounty from the Yarrow Eco-Village farm. DEVORAH WHITE/FOR METRO

Mallin also hopes he will be able to age while receiving community support there.

At Groundswell, part of the Yarrow Eco-Village near Chilliwack, there are 33 units, with about 100 residents ranging from babies to boomers on 10 hectares of land.

Devorah White, a retired teacher, described life in the development as "anti-retirement."

White said she and partner David realized their suburban home was "too large ... to be sustainable" after they retired, so they wanted a different way to enjoy their retirement.

The Yarrow development appealed to them because of its natural surroundings.

For White, the benefit of co-housing is being able to connect with people from all walks of life.

"The opportunities of breaking bread with folks of all ages, of cooking together, playing music together, having impromptu and deep discussions over coffee," she said.

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Syphilis rates keep on climbing: VCH

HEALTH

Rates have doubled from over a decade ago

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has initiated a formal outbreak response as syphilis rates continue to climb at historic levels.

Nearly 500 cases were reported in 2015, more than double the yearly cases a decade ago. Syphilis rates in B.C. are currently at their highest in 30 years.

"Because new infections continue to climb, we have initiated a formal outbreak response," said medical health officer Dr. Réka Gustafson in a statement.

The official designation means VCH will step up efforts to work directly with doctors and community groups to increase testing and promote awareness of prevention, diagnoses and treatment, according to the health authority.

It is also partnering with Positive Living BC, the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, YouthCo and the Health Initiative for Men to create a marketing campaign raising awareness of the outbreak.

VCH is particularly targeting gay men and urging them to get regularly tested.

Of the recent syphilis diagnoses, 97 per cent have involved men and more than 90 per cent of them identify as gay, bisexual or as men who have sex with men.

The largest increases have been among 20- to 24-year-olds.

VCH says people may not know they have syphilis because they may not have symptoms.

The infection can be cured with antibiotics but if left untreated can lead to blindness, hearing loss, deep bone pain and neurological problems.

Vancouver Coastal Health public health officer Dr. Réka Gustafson. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

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DIPLOMACY

Ban Ki-moon lauds Trudeau for his efforts

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon praised Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for last year's climate-change charm offensive in Paris, but urged him to spend more of Canada's wealth on the world's poorest people.

The usually staid Ban appeared almost gleeful at times Thursday as he took Trudeau up on his offer to re-engage with the UN during a packed, day-long visit to Ottawa, including high-level meetings on Parliament Hill and a feel-good assembly at a boisterous local high school auditorium.

"I am here to declare that the United Nations enthusiastically welcomes this commitment," Ban declared.

He praised not only Trudeau's climate-change advocacy, but his desire to return Canada to its peacekeeping roots — which, he said, Canada helped create under external affairs minister Lester Pearson in the 1950s.

Trudeau has stressed re-orienting Canada toward world organizations — the UN in particular — as part of a new multilateral foreign policy that often tries to invoke the so-called Pearson-era golden age of diplomacy.

Trudeau confirmed that Canada is looking to win a seat on the Security Council as part of a move to renew its relationship with the world body.

"We are going to evaluate the opportunities for Canada to mount a successful bid," he said.

Trudeau said he told Ban that Canada wants to be involved as a peacemaker.

"I reiterated the commitment of our government to strengthen the UN's ability to maintain international peace and security," Trudeau said.

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Trudeau has told Ban Ki-moon he hopes to win a seat on the UN Security Council. CHRIS ROUSSAKIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

HUMOUR

Chewie on this, all ye who love pranks

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Not long ago, in a city not too far away from Ottawa, a Montreal Canadiens forward lost hard in his fantasy football pool.

"Nnnnrrraaaaaaaggggaaaaaaaahhh!" Paul Byron might have cried as he conceded defeat to his friend, Sam Aiello, back in Ottawa.

It was a frightening loss for someone so steeped in competitive sports, but like any rebel fighter — er, hockey player — Byron wasn't giving up.

He started typing. Two days later, Aiello got a call from Chewbacca. And another, and then another.

"Nrrrrrraaaaaaaaaahhhhh!"

Chewie wouldn't leave him alone.

The famous Wookiee was calling from across the galaxy; from alien planets like Haliburton, Hamilton and London.

"I kept getting these random calls. So I put my number into Google and I knew it was him right away," Aiello said.

"Him" being Ottawa-born Byron — known on the arena battlefields as Number 41 —who had crafted a clever Kijiji ad directing Chewbacca impressions to Aiello's voicemail.

Wookiee wit wins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"Winner will be judged and contacted by Friday, February 12th," the ad said. "Reward of 50$ will go to the winner. Good luck!"

Aiello got six unsolicited impressions. One of them, apparently, was from an unidentified CFL linebacker, who discovered the prank through Byron's mutual trainer.

"He thought it was so funny and so he called me," Aiello said.

Byron couldn't be reached for comment, but Aiello says he's positive the prank is the work of his hockey-playing friend.

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MIGRANTS NATO DEPLOYS WARSHIPS TO END SMUGGLING OPERATION Migrants and refugees queue for a meal distributed by volunteers at the passengers terminal in the port of Piraeus upon their arrival from the island of Lesbos on Wednesday. In response to Europe's gravest refugee crisis since the Second World War, NATO ordered three warships to sail immediately Thursday to the Aegean Sea to help end the deadly smuggling of asylum-seekers across the waters from Turkey to Greece. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Evidence of gravity waves discovered

SCIENCE

Discovery adds credence to an elusive Einstein theory

Scientists announced Thursday they had discovered direct evidence of gravitational waves, one of Einstein's most important — and elusive — predictions.

They captured the incredibly faint signal by recording the sound of two black holes colliding, an event that occurred 1.3 billion years ago.

"We did it," said David Reitze, executive director of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO).

"That's the story today. But what's really exciting is what comes next."

Gravitational waves are one of the critical predictions of Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity. They are ripples caused by mass moving through the fabric of space-time. With energetic enough movements, those ripples might be big enough for us to measure.

"It's one of the most exciting predictions of the theory," said Luis Lehner of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

Two American physicists won the Nobel Prize after discovering the first indirect evidence in 1974: a binary pulsar, or pair of neutron stars, whose orbits were losing energy in a way Einstein's theory predicted. But scientists still hungered for direct evidence.

That hunger resulted in the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. After years of discussions, the LIGO collaboration was founded in 1997 and now boasts more than 1,000 scientists in 15 different countries, including several at the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics.

The discovery of gravitational waves is far more significant than simply confirming Einstein's predictions.

"It's momentous.... It marks the beginning of our ability to peek at the universe through a completely new window," said Lehner. "It's as if the floodgates are about to be opened."

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ALAN KURDI

Accused traffickers go on trial

Two alleged people-smugglers are on trial in Turkey, accused of causing the death of three-year-old Syrian migrant boy Alan Kurdi and four other people.

The image of the boy — his lifeless body lying face-down on a beach in Bodrum — galvanized world attention on the refugee crisis, graphically illustrating the magnitude of the journeys and suffering migrants risk.

Syrian nationals Muwafaka Alabash and Asem Alfrhad face up to 35 years in prison each if convicted of the charges of human smuggling and causing the deaths of five people "through deliberate negligence." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alan Kurdi, left, with brother Galib. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Economy leaves bitter taste for beer drinkers

BREWERS

Molson Coors reports lower sales in oil regions

Molson Coors Brewing Co. says a sluggish economy and higher food prices are affecting beer drinking in Canada's oil-rich provinces.

The Denver and Montreal-based company said the beer industry has seen customers, particularly in Alberta, shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands.

Sales volumes have also been slipping in Alberta, as well as in the oil-producing provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan.

Molson said its sales volume decreased 5.4 per cent across Canada in the fourth quarter. In January, sales to retailers for at-home consumption fell by more than 10 per cent, or by almost nine per cent excluding the impact of the termination of an agreement to distribute Miller brands.

Part of that decrease can be attributed to macro-economic factors, including higher food prices, said Stewart Glendinning, chief executive of Molson Coors Canada.

"The consumer is under pressure," he said Thursday during a conference call.

"And if you add to that the fact that consumer debt in Canada is at an all-time high, it's made for quite a difficult recipe in some of those provinces."

Sales volumes for Coors Light were also reduced in Quebec by the brewer's decision to raise prices for its flagship brand.

Molson Coors said its net income plummeted 65 per cent to $32.8 million US in the fourth quarter because of lower sales, currency fluctuations and reduced income from operations in Canada and the United States.

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Molson Coors says a slow economy and high food prices are prompting beer drinkers, particularly in Alberta, to shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROLL UP THE RIM

Contest upsets users of reusable mugs

It's a national pastime each winter, as Canadians across the country eagerly "Roll Up the Rim" to win prizes with their morning cups of Tim Hortons coffee.

But now, thousands of reusable mug owners are calling on the popular chain to let them play without being forced to take a paper cup.

Tim Hortons asked to fix contest rules. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Customers should not be forced to choose between an environmentally conscious option and participating in Roll Up the Rim," a petition at Change.org reads. By Thursday morning, more than 14,000 people had signed on.

The petition was first launched last year by Ally Fraser of Beaumont, Alta. In a post this week, she said she presented the petition to Tim Hortons' corporate head office but did not get a positive response.

"They dismissed our concerns. This year, with so much support, maybe they will finally listen," she wrote.

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STAR WARS

Producers sued

British health authorities have charged the producers of Star Wars: The Force Awakens with four breaches of workplace health and safety laws over an on-set accident in which Harrison Ford broke his leg. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More than friends
A 2015 study of 522 Hungarians found men and women felt more love, and more jealousy, if their relationship was "Facebook official."

THE BIG THING

CITIES of LOVE

The photo-sharing site Instagram is practically blinding at this time of year with so many shiny rocks on display. Among the 80 million images uploaded daily, the "#Shesaidyes!" ring picture is a contemporary classic. But, according to social media at least, it turns out there are significant geographical differences in regards to where people go to find love — and seal the deal. The U.K. engagement-ring company Ingle & Rhode analyzed 250,000 Instagram photos tagged with #isaidyes, #proposal, #proposed or #heproposed and cross-referenced them with geographic coordinates to rank where the perfect places are for popping the question. Two Canadian cities made the top 25: Vancouver and Toronto. (Famously romantic Paris was 15th, although there was no hashtag search *en Français)*. Where would you stage a romantic rendezvous in Vancouver? Stanley Park? A deserted beach? Or would you and your Valentine venture to one of these love-tastic locations to put a ring on it?

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How love — and Canada — helped me rein in my drinking

Like many of my adolescent peers in Dublin, my relationship with alcohol began young. At 13, I made a pact with friends to smuggle booze from our homes to a secret seaside location, where we would all get drunk for the first time.

Most of my pals brought soft stuff; I came armed with Bacardi white. We proceeded to grimace and gurn through the forbidden libations, pulling hard off our cigarettes to mask the taste. I ended my day violently ill and with an enduring aversion to Bacardi.

This embarrassing introduction should have made me cautious. Nope — my mischievous side, my teenage stamina and my country's culture kept me imbibing through my teens and 20s.

By my late 20s, the recession was kicking in, work at the newspaper wasn't plentiful and I'd just painfully parted ways with a good woman — a recipe for an extended period of self-destruction. Four nights a week, I would quaff wine with dinner, followed by a feed of cans, go clubbing and then wobble home to bed. After three years of this, my newspaper job finally ended for good and I decided to leave Ireland in search of stable employment.

I zeroed in on Toronto: cold, yes, but with hot summers. And no Dublin-like rain. I arrived in wintertime and resumed drinking heavily. Fortunately, I met a lovely local girl, Suzi, who showed me the ropes and, eventually, became my fiancée. Initially we happily boozed and clubbed in tandem, but she soon tired of the binge drinking, went on a serious health kick and eventually became vegan. I did not follow suit. Guilt pangs from booze-ups resulted in me trying to balance my habit with jogging, but I'd often find myself taking premature wheezy walks home.

After a few months I had a job at newspaper and was socializing with workmates. I'd get hammered while my colleagues paced themselves. I admired the Canadians' humble way, but the "craic"-loving side of me yearned for the mayhem of a Dublin night out.

Soon, however, the Toronto approach took hold (it helped that Ontario liquor stores close at 9 on the weekends). Meanwhile, my fiancée's lifestyle and ultra-healthy diet were rubbing off. I was exercising successfully and feeling better. And then I returned to Ireland. Back in Dublin for nine days, I drank eight of those days, got drunk on six and puked on two.

I returned to Canada a husk of a man, resolving to halt my partying ways. I challenged myself to a dry January and made it. If I hadn't moved here or met Suzi, I'd still be drinking too much back home. So thanks, Canada, for helping me to rein in this tricky vice. I'll occasionally drink to that!

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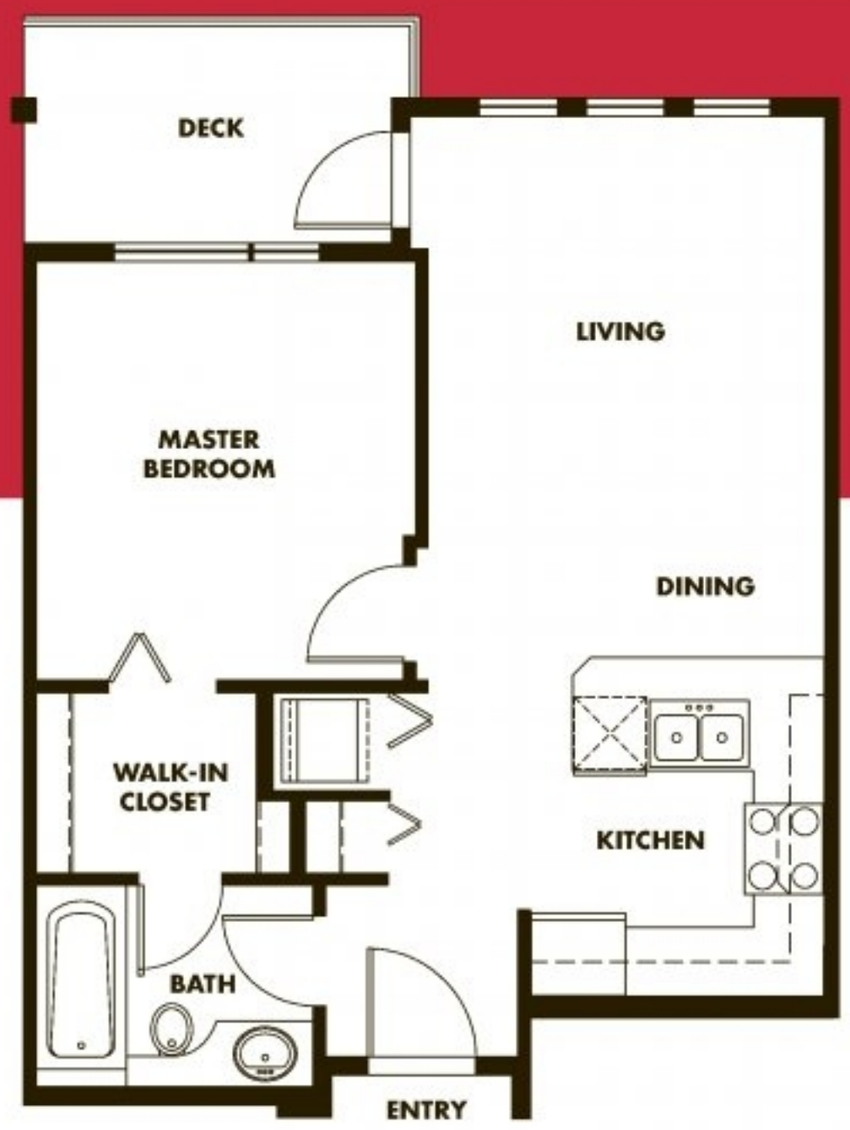

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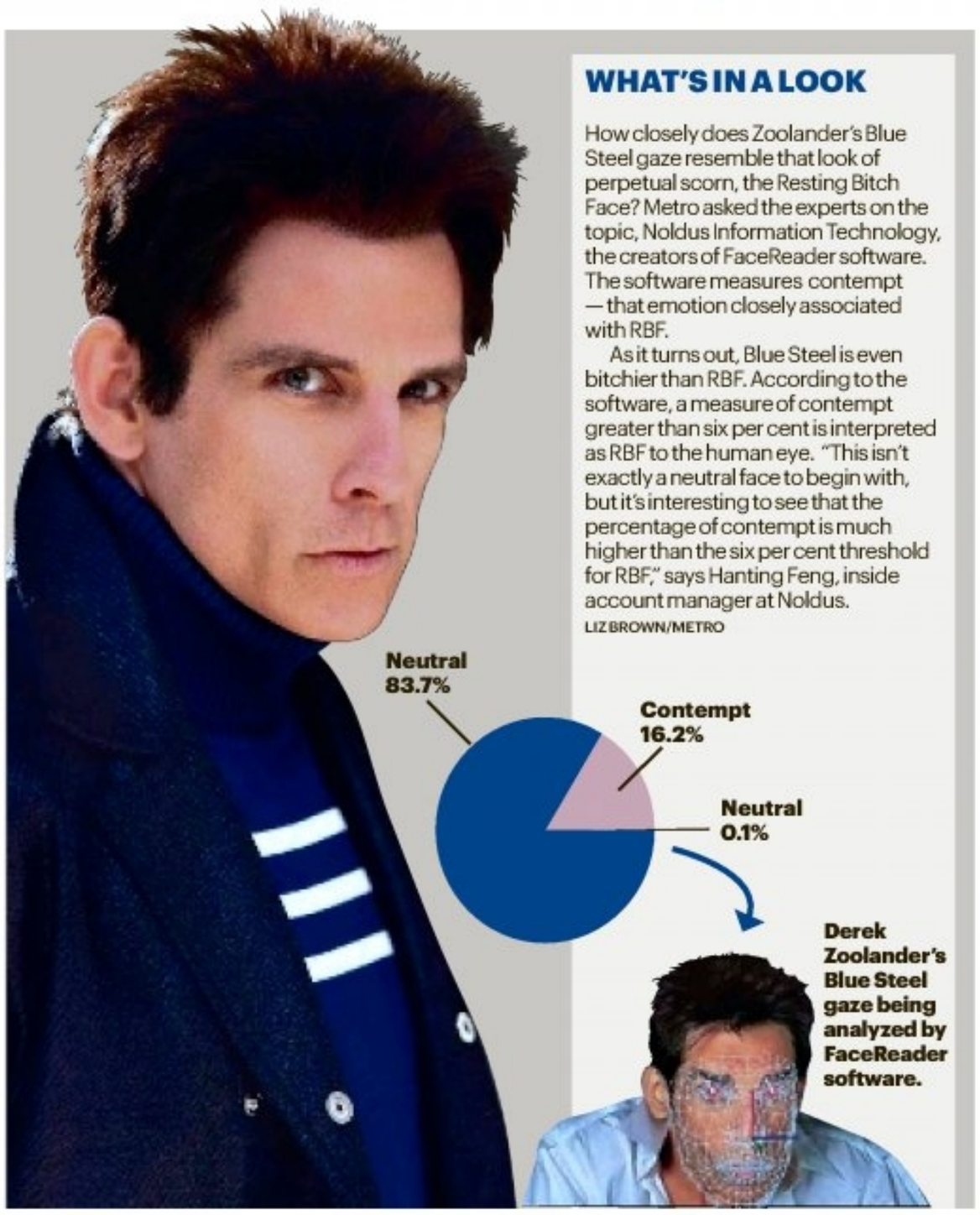


Derek Zoolander's Blue Steel gaze being analyzed by FaceReader software.

WHAT'S IN A LOOK

How closely does Zoolander's Blue Steel gaze resemble that look of perpetual scorn, the Resting Bitch Face? Metro asked the experts on the topic, Noldus Information Technology, the creators of FaceReader software. The software measures contempt — that emotion closely associated with RBF.

As it turns out, Blue Steel is even bitchier than RBF. According to the software, a measure of contempt greater than six per cent is interpreted as RBF to the human eye. "This isn't exactly a neutral face to begin with, but it's interesting to see that the percentage of contempt is much higher than the six per cent threshold for RBF," says Hanting Feng, inside account manager at Noldus.

LIZ BROWN/METRO

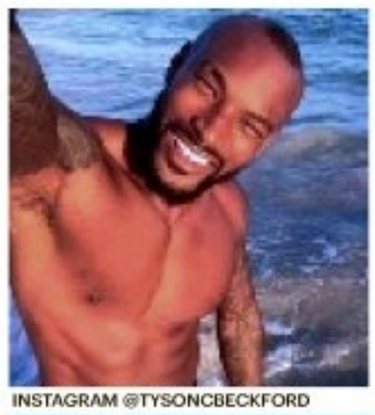
It's been 15 years since Derek Zoolander's really, really, ridiculously good-looking face graced the silver screen. But he's back this weekend, and he's middle aged, even dabbling in the anti-aging cream market with a NYC-based Kiehl's pop-up shop called the Derek Zoolander Center for People Who Don't Age Good. A Metro investigation dug up a few more middle-aged male models and discovered that, unlike the rest of us, they do age good. LIZ BROWN/METRO

TYSON BECKFORD

Age: 45

Career: Beckford was discovered in New York City and recruited to be the face of Ralph Lauren Polo in 1993. He was also in the original Zoolander.

Still got it: Just last year Beckford was showing some skin as celebrity host of the Chippendales at the Rio in Las Vegas. With abs of steel and a face as soft as a baby's behind, Beckford isn't shelving his strut any time soon.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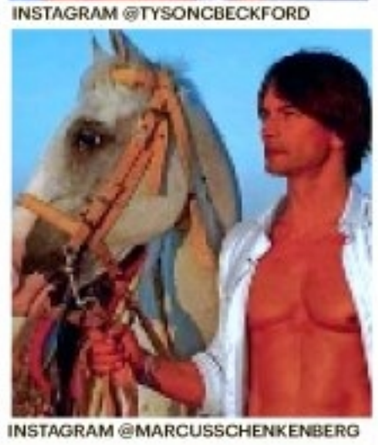
MARCUS SCHENKENBERG

Age: 47

Career: Schenkenberg gained notoriety with his nearly nude in the shower shoot for Calvin Klein in 1991. In the early 2000s he was linked to Pamela Anderson and Jessica Simpson.

Still got it: A cursory glance of his Instagram account will morph into an afternoon creep session involving abs, gratuitous gym shots and shirtless shoots with horses. It'll leave you wondering what the specifics of his Faustian bargain might be.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MARK VANDERLOO

Age: 47

Career: Vanderloo is the man upon which Derek Zoolander's character is loosely based (The Zoolander name is said to be a riff on Vanderloo). You've likely seen him looking chic for Hugo Boss, where he's been one of their main models since 2005.

Still got it: Do you like a strong jaw? Do you like sexy weathering? Do you like a man who looks like your friend's hot dad you secretly lusted after in high school? We thought so.

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REACTION

Metro readers respond: Show us your best 'Blue Steel'

I think we all use this look to make our cheek bones look extra fleek. — Andrea Llewellyn

From left: Dyna Tuytel, Kat Gajewska, and Andrea Llewellyn of Calgary

This is my daughter Piper at two months old showing her best Blue Steel. Her uncle argues she is actually doing Le Tigre!

Kelly Macdonald, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

I opted for #LeTigre. Gotta keep #Magnum under wraps until it's ready.

Nicholas Mizera, Toronto

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Who needs a boyfriend anyway?

Given the film's title, it's not unreasonable to expect the stars of How to Be Single to have a few thoughts on, well, how to be single. The leading foursome bring a variety of experience to the topic, from Leslie Mann, who's been married for two decades, to Dakota Johnson, who is currently living the single life in New York City. Alison Brie, meanwhile, recently got engaged to beau Dave Franco, and Rebel Wilson thinks it might be time to rethink the whole "eternally single" thing. Here's where they stand on the topic **NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO**

1 LESLIE MANN — "I've been married for 20 years. I can't even remember anymore being single," Mann admits. "I had so much shame when I was single. I would make out with a lot of people but I would never have sex because then I would feel bad. But I made out with everyone. And some dry-humping."

Mann is pleased, though, with the state of the world for single women today versus when she was in her 20s. "I'm excited for my daughters to see the movie because I love the message," she says. "This is going to sound weird but I tell my daughter Maude, who is 18 now, she's an adult, but I always tell her, 'Just show off your boobs! You have great boobs. And it doesn't get any better. I know what happens. Just enjoy them now, enjoy this time.'"

2 DAKOTA JOHNSON — "I am a single person. I love that I'm alone all the time. I love sleeping next to no one. I really don't want to be cuddled. I love to have dinner by myself," she says with a laugh. But seriously, though. "No, I actually like spending time by myself. I kind of cherish my time alone. I like solitude, so that's nice. But then being single also sucks sometimes — because you're single."

Johnson appreciates that How to Be Single shows women in a more liberated, sex-positive light. "With this film, I was attracted to the positive outlook on women, especially, exploring relationships with different people and being confident and comfortable and strong," she says. "That was the kind of thing that was appealing to me, because that's what's real, and it's honest and there's nothing to be ashamed of. That's what single women do."

3 REBEL WILSON — "I'm, like, eternally single, and I think I like it a bit too much, and I need to be more open to the possibilities of love," Wilson muses. "I'm very independent, I always have been. I went to an all-girls school and we were really taught to be independent. Although, one teacher did try to teach us how to marry a rich man and kill him. The science teacher, she would tell us, like, how to dampen the sheets and stuff, and sometimes we'd really listen to that. But we were always encouraged to go out and live our own lives. And from my own mother, as well, she's like, 'Don't have kids too young, because it will ruin your life.'"

Sound advice, though Wilson is starting to think that maybe she's had her fun already. "Now I'm at the point where things are going so well that I'm trying to, like, look for the right person. I just haven't found him in Hollywood. Surprise, surprise," she says. "I don't like smoking. And then maybe, like, lying? When they say they didn't have a fiancée, and their teammates supported that, and then I find out a few months later they did in fact have a fiancée back in their hometown? That's a bit bad. Yeah."

4 ALISON BRIE — "I think my favourite part about being single is just being able to do whatever you want, the freedom. You are your own person," Brie says. "Aside from your close friends and your family, you don't have to always be thinking about maybe whatever move you're making, how that is going to affect the person in your life. You kind of can fly by the seat of your pants. That's what I really liked about being single. It felt very fun and spontaneous."

That doesn't mean she didn't have some lousy times out before settling down. "Any of the bad dates I've had involved one or more parties drinking too much," she says. "When I was single, I don't think I would ever just end a date mid-date even if I were not having a good time. I'm sort of like, 'Well I want to be polite, I should stick it out. I'll just hang and dance with this drunk guy.' And that's a s—ty thing. I think a lot of the time women feel like we don't want to be rude, we don't want the guy to think we're a b—, so we entertain a lot of bad behaviour."

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Colorado, two ways

Thanks to the state's elevation and its distance from the Equator, Colorado offers ideal skiing conditions — for both the budget-savvy and luxury-minded. It's home to dry, powdery snow and just-cold-enough winter temperatures to not leave you frozen. With no lift lines and long ski runs, you'll get more quality skiing done here than in a lot of other regions. **KAREN KWAN/FOR METRO**

1 On a budget?

Go to picturesque Copper Mountain, which is less than a two-hour drive from Denver International Airport.

Where to stay

Copper Mountain Resort's family-friendly ski-in, ski-out lodges' condos start from $142 US/night and are casual (think lots of pine) but cozy (hello, fireplace).

Most lodges are equipped with a hot tub, gym and ski locker. With activities and restaurants spanning three Villages (there's a complimentary shuttle between each village) and ski rentals right at the foot of the mountain in Center Village, you get to spend more of your vacation time on the slopes and enjoying apres-ski life.

Where to ski

The mountain naturally divides into sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced, so if you're a newbie on skis or a board you can stick to the lower mountain or the green runs, which are far from the more difficult runs, so there's no need to fret about accidentally ending up on a black diamond.

Expert skiers, on the other hand, can head straight to shredding the bowls at Copper such as Resolution and Union, where they can find fresh snow on powder days. Download the Copper Mountain Sherpa app before you go so you can follow fellow skiers, track the vertical feet you ski, your speed, hear "audibles" (tips and messages) left by other skiers at certain points of the mountain, get run suggestions and more.

Where to eat

For breakfast, go to Endo's Adrenaline Bar & Grill in Center Village (the huevos rancheros makes for filling ski fuel).

Feeling peckish on the mountain? At the top of the American Eagle chairlift, grab a Belgian waffle or warm cup of soup at Flyers Soup Shack.

Come evening, swap the ski gear for smart casual attire and head to the posh C.B. Grille, located in Center Village, and dig into fresh local fare such as its striped bass and Angus beef.

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2 Want to splurge?

About a one-hour drive from Montrose Regional Airport, Telluride offers slopes that are as good as Aspen but without the hype. Stay at luxe The Peaks Resort & Spa, where you can rest in your modern spacious suite, get a top-notch massage for your ski-weary muscles at the spa, and enjoy ski-in, ski-out access to Telluride Ski Resort.

This historic mining town, which you may recognize from Quentin Tarantino's flick, Hateful Eight, sits in a box canyon (read: unbeatable mountain vistas) where you can shop along its charming main street in town (get on the free gondola to get there) before dinner at Allred's. Everything there is a sure bet, but meat lovers should not miss the tender, juicy cider-brined Berkshire Colorado pork chop.

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5 L.A. HOTSPOTS THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A STAR

It's Oscar season in Los Angeles. With the 88th annual Academy Awards scheduled for Feb. 28, here are five places in L.A. to soak up those glitzy Oscars vibes and maybe even run into one of the nominees if you're lucky.

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1 Arclight Hollywood

One of the most striking movie theatres in the country, the Cinerama Dome has hosted oodles of film premieres since opening in 1963. It has more than 800 seats and looks like an enormous white golf ball chopped in half. With reserved seating, cushy stadium seats, a bar and cafe, and various film exhibits, the Arclight Hollywood is a popular place for movie fans and celebrities alike.

2 The Peninsula Beverly Hills

The Peninsula Beverly Hills hotel is known as the ultra-luxe stay for Oscar nominees. For those who can afford some true Oscars-worthy pampering, the hotel offers services such as a week-long "Red Carpet Ready" package of personal training sessions and spa treatments.

3 Runyon Canyon Park

Those tabloid photos you see of celebrities and their pooches huffing it up a winding dusty path? More than likely, they're photos of Runyon Canyon, a 160-acre nature park nestled in the Hollywood Hills. Hit the park's trails for panoramic views of L.A. at the top or join a yoga in the park class.

4 The Grove

With its sprawling swath of swanky stores, including Barneys New York, Swarovski and Diane von Furstenberg, this outdoor retail centre always attracts a slew of movie stars, from Mark Wahlberg to Oscar winner Halle Berry. Walk along the main path, or take a quick trolley ride to the historic Farmers Market next door.

5 FIDM Museum

Anyone who covets the spiky, apocalyptic clothes in Mad Max: Fury Road or the silky 1920s outfits in The Danish Girl, both nominated for best costume design Oscars, will love the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Museum's 24th annual Art of Motion Picture Costume Design exhibit.

SURVEY

Travellers more likely to crank up love life on vacation

The results of a new travel survey released ahead of Valentine's Day reveals a few golden nuggets on American behavior, including the fact that 11 per cent of travellers have pretended to be single while on the road, and that the highest percentage of members in the Mile High Club can be found in the 65-plus set.

The results of the survey conducted by online booking site Cheapflights.com show that overall, Americans are more inclined to crank up their flirting game while travelling and open up to amorous possibilities, including meeting new people and seeking out unconventional milieus in which to christen their love.

For example, 33 per cent of the 1,000 online respondents said they've had sex in an unconventional setting while travelling.

Overall, 45 per cent said their libidos spike and that they're more in the mood to make nookie when travelling.

The survey revealed interesting gender divisions which suggest that overall, men are flirtier, randier, and, dare we say it, less scrupulous while on the road.

According to Cheapflights.com, boomers are most likely to have had sex in an airplane, while men are twice as likely as women to pretend to be single while travelling. ISTOCK

Not only do men flirt more than women (33 per cent vs 23 per cent), they also admitted to flirting more with fellow travellers and putting on their A-game with flight crew and hotel staff. Men are also twice as likely to pretend to be single while on a trip (14 per cent vs 7 per cent). When it comes to hooking up with a stranger while on vacation, more than a quarter (26 per cent) of men said they've gone and done so, compared to 15 per cent of women.

As for the Mile High Club, nine per cent of men report to being a full-fledged member, versus just two per cent of women.

The fantasy of getting their rocks off at 35,000 feet is also stronger among men, with 43 per cent of male respondents expressing interest, compared to half of that for women.

The highest percentage of members who've been sworn into the club belongs to the 65 and older crowd. AFP

TRAVEL NOTES UNITED NATIONS, JULIA CHILD, PHILLY

Tourism makes one tenth of the world;'s economy: UNWTO

According the United Nations World Tourism Organization, the travel industry now employs hundreds of millions of people and accounts for a tenth of global economic output. Last year the sector grew 4.4 per cent, with 1.2 billion people taking a trip outside of their country. Europe (including Russia) remains the most visited region, followed by the Asia-Pacific region, and the Americas. AFP

Europe remains the most-visited region in the world. SHUTTERSTOCK

Julia Child's summer home open to guests this summer

Julia Child fans will soon be able to potter about in the legend's kitchen and sleep under the same roof she did when the chef's vacation home in France opens to visitors this summer. For nearly three decades, Child and her husband Paul spent their summers at La Pitchoune located in Provence. Now it will be a guest house and 'culinary retreat,' serving up cooking lessons. AFP

Booking start in June for Child's summer home. FACEBOOK

Philadelphia tops Lonely Planet's list of 10 best U.S. destinations

Travel experts at Lonely Planet have declared 2016 the year of Philadelphia, as it marks the 40th anniversary of the iconic film Rocky this year. In their list of 10 best U.S. destinations, the travel guide gave Philadelphia the top spot — the latest in a string of accolades for the city. Last year, Philadelphia became the first World Heritage City in the U.S., a distinction it shares with Paris, Rome, Cairo and Kyoto. AFP

Independence Hall in Philadelphia. SHUTTERSTOCK

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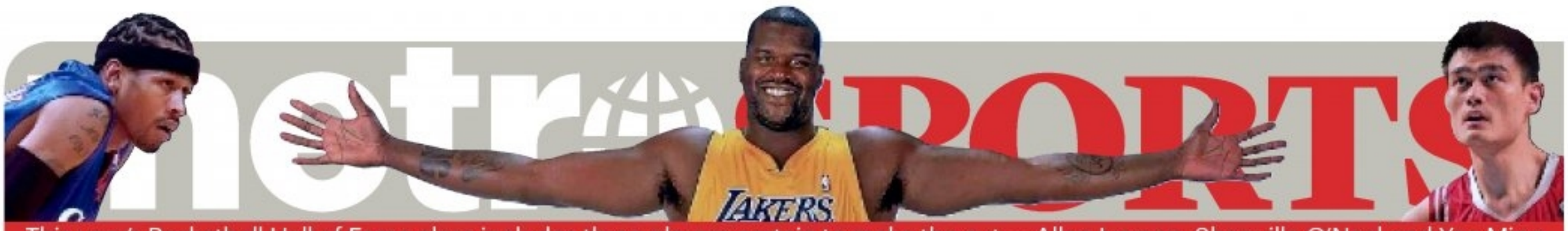

This year's Basketball Hall of Fame class includes three players certain to make the cut — Allen Iverson, Shaquille O'Neal and Yao Ming

Nucks bring back flying skate logo against Leafs

NHL

But focus on possible deals as deadline approaches

Cam Tucker
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How time flies.

As part of celebrating 20 years at Rogers Arena (formerly General Motors Place), the Vancouver Canucks will wear their famous flying skate logo jerseys against the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday.

It's a throwback to the franchise's most celebrated time only two years before, when the Canucks defeated the Maple Leafs in the conference finals and made it to within one win of the Stanley Cup during that cherished 1994 run.

Jake Virtanen, one of two 19-year-old rookies on the Canucks this season, wasn't even alive back then.

He wasn't even alive yet when the Canucks moved to GM Place to begin the 1995-96 season, still with those flying skate logos.

Since their first season in Vancouver in 1970, the Canucks have gone through several jersey renditions and logos.

They've gone from the stick inside the rink — with blue, green and white trim — to the yellow, red and black flying V jerseys, to the flying skate, to the flying skate in a salmon-pink uniform, to the orca, and now to the orca with "Vancouver" written right above it and the blue and white colours reminiscent of the early 1970s.

That's quite an evolution.

As for the actual game, the Canucks are on a modest two-game winning streak. They have yet to win three in a row. Yet they somehow still find themselves in the thick of the playoff race.

Wednesday's win in Arizona pushed them within two points of a wild-card spot.

Saturday's festivities might represent an evening of nostalgia and maybe some fans will debate whether the Canucks should go back to the flying skate logo as a permanent thing.

> **I would even look to add, if we can.**
> GM Jim Benning

But the debate about the direction of the team is reaching its pinnacle as the trade deadline approaches.

There are two sides: Team Playoffs and Team Tank.

Team Tank took a hit this week.

The call from Team Tank is for the Canucks to trade away veteran assets, which would clear up significant cap space for the summer, and embrace the rebuild by getting a high draft pick in the opening round and give young prospects a further look in the NHL.

The loss of defenceman Alex Edler to a broken fibula and centre Brandon Sutter to a broken jaw this week could complicate matters heading into the Feb. 29 deadline.

Dan Hamhuis remains the most intriguing trade possibility.

Since returning to the lineup, Hamhuis hasn't missed a beat. He's a defenceman, an Olympian, a Stanley Cup finalist and in theory could be of considerable use to a contender this year. He's also a pending unrestricted free agent, with a no-trade clause.

Speaking on TSN 1040, Canucks GM Jim Benning said he hasn't had much interest yet in Hamhuis so far because he was injured, and management hasn't talked to Hamhuis about waiving his no-trade clause.

"I would even look to add, if we can, to try and make our team better so we can compete for a playoff spot," said Benning.

Much like the Canucks logo over the decades, this roster could be subject to change over the next few weeks.

Canucks rookie Jake Virtanen models one of the throwback black jerseys that the team will wear Saturday evening when they take on the Toronto Maple Leafs at Rogers Arena in Vancouver.
DAVE HAMILTON/VANCOUVER CANUCKS

MLS

Caps deal popular Koffie

One of the original members from the Vancouver Whitecaps' inaugural Major League Soccer season was traded Thursday.

The Whitecaps dealt Gershon Koffie to the New England Revolution, ending his spell with the Vancouver club that began in September of 2010 and continued into MLS the following year.

In exchange for the popular Ghanaian midfielder, the Whitecaps acquired general allocation and targeted allocation money (TAM) from the Revolution. The Whitecaps will also receive a percentage of future transfer fees from New England.

He started 119 games, including three post-season matches, for the Whitecaps from 2011 to 2015, scoring nine goals and seven assists. At his best, he could be one of the most noticeable players on the field, physical as a member of the strong defensive midfield partnership with Matias Laba.

Off the field, he was soft-spoken but had a large smile on his face. He loved the city and the fans embraced him. In 2013, he obtained his permanent Canadian residency card.

"Words cannot explain my love for Vancouver," said Koffie, as per the Whitecaps website.

"I am ready to embrace this new challenge and look forward to this new opportunity. I love you Vancouver."

"Gersh has been a big part of the club's transition into MLS and the success we've had so far," club president Bob Lenarduzzi said. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Basketball's best bring sizzle to T.O.

Raptors guards DeMar DeRozan, left, and Kyle Lowry will represent the Eastern Conference in Sunday's all-star game in Toronto. JENNIFER POTTHEISER/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

2016 NBA ALL-STAR

Mid-season showcase lands north of border

Chris Bosh set foot in Toronto on Thursday and before he could put his hand to his phone, a probably unwelcome but familiar feeling hit him and stung any exposed skin, tensing his entire six-foot-11 frame.

"It. Is. COLD," the former Raptor, now an 11-time NBA all-star and six-year member of the Miami Heat, tweeted.

He's certainly not wrong. The temperature is expected to dip to -23 C on Friday and Saturday night.

If nothing else, the cold lines up perfectly with the arrival of basketball Christmas in Toronto.

The NBA and all its best players and personalities and the parties that come with them are in Canada for all-star weekend.

The festive feeling that started to percolate in downtown Toronto on Thursday will bubble and brew Friday and roar into a basketball-themed beast of its own for the weekend, culminating in the 65th edition of the all-star game Sunday.

LeBron James and Kobe Bryant are in Toronto. So is Stephen Curry and his Splash Brother, Klay Thompson. Bosh, Dwyane Wade, Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. The insanely talented list goes on and on. Paul George, Carmelo Anthony, DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry.

Given the magnitude of the talent assembled for Sunday's game, the weekend starts off almost inconspicuously Friday with the NBA celebrity game and its 7 p.m. tipoff at Ricoh Coliseum.

There's a distinctly Canadian flavour to the game, with Drake coaching a Canadian team alongside two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash against comedian Kevin Hart's U.S. team.

Drake and Nash will oversee a team that features Jose Bautista, Milos Raonic and former players Tracy McGrady, Rick Fox and Tammy Sutton-Brown. Actor Nick Cannon and former Raptors Chauncey Billups and Muggsy Bogues are on Hart's team.

The first NBA-related piece of the weekend comes next, with the Rising Stars Challenge at Air Canada Centre. The league modifying the rookies vs. sophomores game to a U.S. against the World Team setup last year works perfectly for the first all-star weekend outside America.

As long as the game is played in the States, Friday will mark the only time that Team World is the fan favourite.

"That's really cool," said Dallas Maverick and Toronto native Dwight Powell, a second-year forward who'll be on Team World.

"I think it speaks to the globalization of the game, how many people it's touching across the world and the NBA specifically."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **Literally we were writing down our hopes, our dreams, our visions for the Raptors. And one of the dreams was to play the first international all-star game outside of the U.S**
>
> Isiah Thomas, the Raptors' first-ever general manager

OUR GUYS

Three Canadians — **Andrew Wiggins**, pictured, Dwight Powell and Trey Lyles — will play for the World Team versus the U.S. in Friday's Rising Stars game.

Wiggins was the game's MVP last year in New York, thanks to a 22-point effort to lead Team World to a 121-112 win.

IN BRIEF

Lawrence and Rose star as Canada crushes Guyana

Ashley Lawrence had a hat trick and 16-year-old Deanne Rose had two goals as Canada's women's soccer team cruised to a 5-0 victory over Guyana in its first game of the CONCACAF women's Olympic qualifying tournament.

Rose scored Canada's first and third goals in the first half as Canada, ranked No. 11 in the world, outclassed No. 89 Guyana. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Westbrook helps Thunder beat Pelicans on sad night

Russell Westbrook just missed a triple-double, and the Thunder beat the New Orleans Pelicans 121-95 on Thursday night, a day after Thunder assistant and former Pelicans head coach Monty Williams' wife died.

Ingrid Williams was involved in a car crash Tuesday night in Oklahoma City and died Wednesday.

A moment of silence was observed for her before the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raonic unable to resume court training due to injury

Canadian tennis player Milos Raonic has been unable to resume on-court training due to a slightly torn adductor muscle that hampered his play in a semifinal loss to Andy Murray at the Australian Open last month.

Raonic had difficulty pushing off his right leg in the later stages of the four-hour match and Murray took the last two sets for the win.

He said he has been able to do strength work and off-court training since then but hasn't hit balls because of the tear in the adductor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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For Metro Canada

The only thing you need to add to this crunchy, garlicky grilled cheese is a fresh green salad. Or a glass of wine. Or both. Yeah, definitely have both — it's Friday!

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1 Gala apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread
- 1/2 cup crumbled, aged cheddar

Directions
1. In a medium frying pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until garlic is translucent, about 2 minutes.
2. Toss in apples and sauté until soft, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove apples and place on a clean pate.
3. In the same pan, place a slice of bread and then cover the top with the shaved cheddar. Lay slice of apple atop cheese and then cap with the other slice of bread. Cook until the underside becomes a gold brown then flip. Remove from the pan and serve when the cheese melts thoroughly and the top is also a golden brown. Repeat with other two slices of bread.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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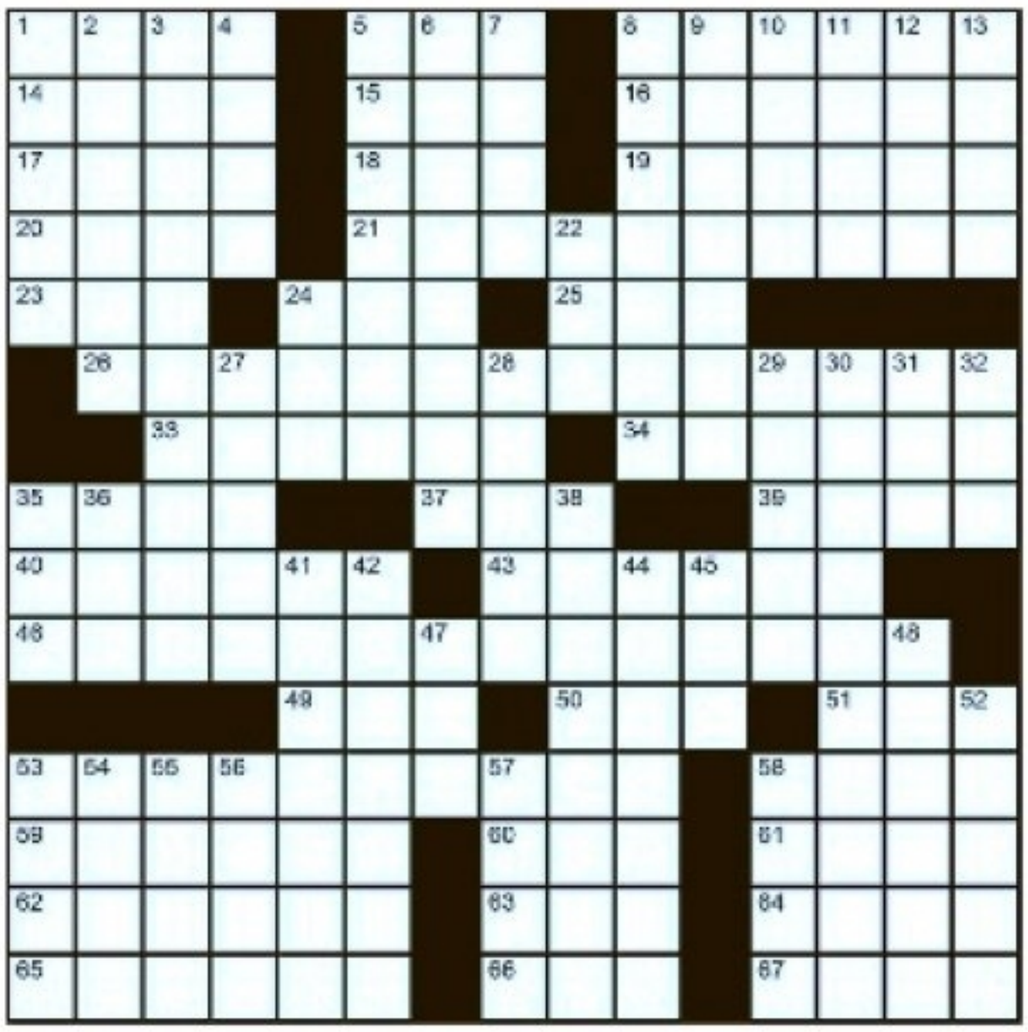

ACROSS
1. Cobras
5. FMs opposites
8. "_ House on the Prairie"
14. Shetland _
15. Allow
16. Kind of: 3 wds.
17. Additionally
18. Star's secret
19. Selection
20. Cobblestone
21. Song from the musical Hair: "_ England"
23. "Let me think..."
24. Car or truck, e.g.
25. Not him
26. Caribou, for instance: 2 wds.
33. Give
34. _ of Liberty
35. Particular
37. Camera variety, commonly
39. Puny physicians
40. Runway surface
43. Cats mystery writer, _ Jackson Braun
46. Super Channel show which is a nominee in the 'Best Comedy Series' category for the upcoming 2016 Canadian Screen Awards: 3 wds.
49. Apiece
50. Ron _ (Star of '60s series "Tarzan")
51. Cry
53. The workplace setting that 'Gottfried Brothers' is on the show at #46-Across: 2 wds.
58. "Dial _ _ Murder" (1954)
59. Anxiety
60. Coffee holder
61. Sacred Hindu text
62. _ burner (Lab device)
63. Flight schedule acronym
64. Fur
65. Gauge
66. Draperies bar
67. Leave in, in proofreading

DOWN
1. Flooded
2. Seriously sincere
3. Like some late 20th-century architecture
4. Letter insertion site, sometimes
5. Town in southern Saskatchewan meaning 'Avenue of Trees'
6. Blockbusters
7. British WWII submachine gun
8. Caribou use their hooves to search for these food sources beneath the snow
9. Get left stuff via a will
10. New Mexico's artsy town
11. Bit of a jerk
12. Pretty material
13. Glancer
22. NBA Hornets city, for short
24. Irish singer Mr. Morrison
27. Fun-style parent
28. Lockups
29. Tea Leoni drama on CBS, "_ Secretary"
30. Where to have the world as a success: 3 wds.
31. Cote Saint-_, Quebec
32. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
35. Addams Family relative
36. _ Chi (Martial Art)
38. Decrease of tempo, in music
41. Places in close proximity
42. Mark Twain's real surname
44. Frog's furniture: 2 wds.
45. Polar
47. Dadaist Jean
48. One-of-some in many soups
52. Benjamin of movies/TV
53. Marching band instrument
54. Burden
55. Hankerings
56. Instance
57. Tennis serving whiz
58. Trophy-receiving athletes, e.g.

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Forget about what others expect and do only what interests you. But you don't have to do it on your own. Group activities are under excellent stars at the moment, so get together with people who share your vision.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Why burden yourself with so many commitments? Just because you can do most tasks better than other people you know does not mean you have to do them. Learn to delegate.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Expand your horizons. A long-distance trip would be an ideal way to make use of today's cosmic influences, but if that isn't possible at least broaden your mind.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you need assistance today all you have to do is ask. That applies especially to money matters. Joint financial enterprises are now under excellent stars and will be for quite some time, so get a partner and get rich!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you want to get things done today you will have to make others feel as if they are the center of your universe. Make them believe that life revolves around their existence. Then they will do whatever you ask them to.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Jupiter in your sign makes you want to work but it also makes you want to have fun. Get your work done today so that your weekend will be clear.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you are dissatisfied with your lot then raise your sights and start living up to your potential. The Sun in Aquarius will do wonders for your confidence, lack of which is the only thing holding you back.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have far too many things going on at the moment. If a friend drops hints that they need your support you may feel obliged to give it but make sure they know there are limits.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your social life will blossom and you will be so in demand that you have to turn some invitations down. You will get on best with people in whose company you feel totally relaxed.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You'll get more than one opportunity to boost your income, so don't worry if your cash flow situation does not look too good. The planets indicate there's big money in your future.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Luck is on your side. If you take advantage of it there is no end to what you can accomplish. Don't listen to those who say there are limits to what can be done. For you those limits no longer exist!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
At this time of year, your imagination is strong, so take part in something creative. Writing, dancing and singing are all well starred, so get out there and put on a show.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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